San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary LAE Discussion

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Purpose: To discuss EPA's role in addressing critical issues confronting the Bay-Delta ecosystem with the team that is conducting a periodic program evaluation of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, and to help explain these activities in the context of EPA's Large Aquatic Ecosystems program.

- 1. Introductions/Agenda Review
- 2. Overview
 - Ecosystem Description
 - EPA's primary goals and challenges
 - History
- 3. Interim Federal Bay-Delta Action Plan (12/09)
 - Assess the effectiveness of water quality regulation (ANPR)
 - Move towards a regional water quality monitoring and assessment program
 - Bay Delta Conservation Plan
 - Align state/federal water conservation/recycling funding
 - Develop IRWM and Climate Change Manual
 - Settle FIFRA-ESA lawsuit (and ensure compliance?)
 - Promulgate Clean Boating regs
- 4. Legislation
 - 2009 State Delta legislation (new agencies; Plan; conservation)
 - Potential federal legislation (Bay; Delta)
- 5. Distinguishing characteristics of Bay-Delta as an "LAE"
 - Separate efforts in Bay and Delta
 - Bay has NEP and Feinstein funds; Delta doesn't
 - EPA not "lead" agency in Delta
 - Delta issues water supply-dominated